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SYNOPSIS

Requires DEP to adopt Statewide plan to reduce lead exposure from contaminated soils and drinking water.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT requiring the development of a Statewide plan to reduce
2 lead exposure, and supplementing Title 58 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Department of Environmental Protection shall
9 develop and adopt, within one year after the effective date of this
10 act, a Statewide plan to reduce public exposure to lead in the
11 environment. The department shall use existing soil testing results
12 from site remediations that have been submitted to the department,
13 as well as public water supply and private well testing results and
14 any other relevant information it may have, in preparing the plan
15 and any updates thereto. The department shall designate those
16 geographic areas where lead in soils or drinking water poses the
17 greatest danger of exposure to the public. The department shall
18 identify public moneys that may be used to address the risks of
19 exposure to lead and prioritize the expenditure of public moneys to
20 remediate soils or drinking water supplies to minimize those risks.
21 The department shall also develop a public education program to
22 ensure the widespread dissemination of information concerning the
23 health risks posed by lead exposure and measures that may be taken
24 to minimize the risks.

25 b. The Statewide plan shall be posted on the department's
26 Internet website and submitted, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
27 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature. The department shall
28 update the Statewide plan as appropriate, but no less frequently than
29 once every five years.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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